

anniversary, it is a great time to reflect on all the positive work its congregation has done in New Hyde Park over the past half century and to look towards a future of continued public and spiritual service.

The work of this Church and its congregation is inspiring to us all, and I am immensely grateful to them for all that they have accomplished. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing the gratitude of the U.S. Congress for their extensive contributions to society.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Corps of Engineers (on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority)

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Description of Request: I have secured \$700,000 for the Lower Colorado River Basin Study. It is my understanding that the funding will be used towards the completion of the basin wide study in order to identify cost-effective ways to reduce flood damages in the lower Colorado River basin of Texas. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (on behalf of the San Antonio Water System)

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Description of Request: I have secured \$600,000 for the Nueces River and Tributaries Study. It is my understanding that the funding will be used for the continuation of a detailed study of the complex relationships between surface water, groundwater and the varying ecosystems and communities dependent on such water. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (on behalf of the San Antonio River Authority)

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,500,000 for the San Antonio Channel Improvement Project. It is my understanding that

the funding will be used for the Mission Reach project to restore an eight-mile stretch of the San Antonio River south of downtown previously channelized for flood control purposes. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act

Account: Department of Energy—EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bexar County

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Dolorosa, San Antonio, TX 78205

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,000,000 for the Bexar County Solar Collection Farm and Distribution System. It is my understanding that the funding will be used for the installation of a 200-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE  
GREAT CHARITABLE WORKS OF  
CHARLIE AND SANDY MARKEL  
IN MEMORY OF THEIR SON,  
RYAN

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the great charitable works of Charlie and Sandy Markel in memory of their son, Ryan. Ryan tragically died during a school swim class on December 19, 2002 at age eleven. This was a heartbreaking loss to his family, friends and community.

Since the death of their young son, the Markel family has been working hard to spread safety awareness, especially in the school setting. They started Ryan's Hope Foundation, which offers low-cost cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillator certification, as well as pool safety. Since the founding of Ryan's Hope Foundation, the Markels and their team of volunteers have trained around four thousand people in CPR and defibrillator skills.

Ryan was deeply loved by his family, friends and his school community. Mourning the loss, many members of the community donated money to the Markels, which they immediately put into the Ryan's Hope Foundation. Along with the money that comes from certification fees, the Markels have put any money that would have gone toward Ryan's allowance, Christmas and birthday presents into the Foundation.

This past June, Ryan would have graduated from Depew High School. To honor Ryan's life, Ryan's Hope Foundation rewarded every college-bound member of the graduating class with the Ryan Markel Scholarship. Two students received a \$500 scholarship and 167 other graduates received a \$100 scholarship. The recipient also received a letter from Charlie, Sandy and their daughter, Amanda wishing the graduates luck and thanking them for being a part of Ryan's life.

Ryan's classmates also took measures to commemorate Ryan at graduation. During the ceremony, one of Ryan's classmates read a

letter about Ryan and called his family on stage. In addition, the graduating seniors created a memorial displayed in the foyer at the graduation ceremony, which included Ryan's photograph, a graduation cap and a poem. An entire page of the yearbook was dedicated to Ryan and his classmates included a tribute to Ryan in their class DVD. Finally, his classmates bought the rights to name a star in his honor.

It is my honor to commemorate the life of Ryan Markel and the charitable efforts of his family. On behalf of the Western New York community, I thank the Markels for their extraordinary efforts to increase safety awareness in the memory of their son.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following information.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Agricultural Research Service

Name of Requesting Entity: University of Florida/IFAS

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 Experiment Station Rd, Lake Alfred, FL, 33850

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,300,000 for the Citrus Canker and Greening Research. This funding will be used for Continuation of vital citrus Canker, citrus Greening/Huanglongbing (HLB) and Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) research to improve technologies for treatment and detection, methods of movement and containment, and means to control and eliminate these devastating citrus diseases and disease vector. Currently, citrus Canker disease, the spread of the ACP and citrus Greening/HLB are the two most serious diseases and vector facing the U.S. citrus industry. Both diseases and the vector have been declared endemic in the state of Florida and pose serious threats to California, Texas and to the viability of the U.S. citrus industry. Research supported through federal funding in addition to state and grower funds is critical to ensuring that the citrus industry remains a viable part of America's economy. In Florida alone, commercial citrus is a \$9 billion dollar a year industry that supports almost 90,000 jobs. California and Texas combined have over a \$3.2 billion economic impact with over 26,000 jobs in their respective states. Due to the severity of just these two diseases and vector, the importance of continuing critical research unabated is crucial. Canker is caused by a bacterium that creates lesions on the leaves, stems, and fruit of citrus trees, including oranges and grapefruit. While not harmful to humans, Canker significantly affects the health of trees, causing leaves and fruit to drop prematurely. Wind and rain serve as the vector of Canker. Citrus greening/HLB is a bacterial disease which is spread by the Asian citrus psyllid. Although it presents no threat to humans or animals, trees diagnosed with citrus greening/HLB have greatly reduced production and often die within a few years. Recently, research for these diseases and vector